

## Iowa

**SOURCE:** Iowa Administrative Code, Environmental Protection Rule 567, Chapter 61, Water Quality Standards, October 18, 2000:

<http://www.state.ia.us/government/dnr/organiza/epd/prgrmdsc/wtrqual/spqual.htm>

<http://www.state.ia.us/epd/prgrmdsc/wtrqual/sum.htm> and

<http://www.state.ia.us/dnr/organiza/epd/wtrq/wtrqbor.htm>

**Class “B” Waters:** Waters which are designated as Class “B” are to be protected for wildlife, fish, aquatic and semi-aquatic life and secondary contact water uses. Class “B” waters are divided into the following categories:

- Class “B” (CW) (cold water aquatic life): streams or lakes that support trout and associated aquatic communities
- Class “B” (WW) (significant resource warm water): lakes or rivers which support warm water game fish and associated aquatic communities, including sensitive species
- Class “B” (LR) (limited resource warm water): streams which support limited aquatic life populations primarily composed of minnows and other nongame fish species
- Class “B” (LW) (lakes and wetlands): artificial impoundments and natural lakes with lake-like conditions that support warm water game fish and associated aquatic communities

**High Quality (HQ) waters:** Waters with exceptionally better quality than specified by Iowa water quality criteria and with exceptional recreational and ecological importance. Special protection is warranted to maintain the unusual, unique or outstanding physical, chemical, or biological characteristics that these waters possess.

**High Quality Resource (HQR) waters:** Waters of substantial recreational or ecological significance that possess unusual, outstanding or unique physical, chemical or biological characteristics that enhance the beneficial uses and warrant special protection.